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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
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SUBJECT: USN ACCESS TO STORES BASIN AND FUEL DEPOT

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1. DECOURCY-IRELAND TOLD US ON FEB 25 THAT HE HAD SENT A NOTE CONVEYING OUR REQUEST FOR UK TO DEFER ACTION SIN-GAPORE NAVAL FACILITIES TO INTERESTED OFFICES IN LONDON. HE CALLED SPECIFICALLY TO SAY THAT REACTIONS TO HIS NOTE HAD MADE HIM FEEL HE SHOULD WARN US THAT HMG CONSIDERA-TION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PULL-OUT FROM SINGAPORE WILL BE PROCESSED VERY QUICKLY AND MAY SOON GAIN INERTIA WHICH COULD RESULT IN FINAL U.S. REQUEST BEING OUT OF DATE BY TIME IT IS RECEIVED BY HMG. POINT IS THAT U.S. SHOULD MAKE ITS SPECIFIC DESIRES KNOWN TO HMG AS SOON AS POS-SIBLE.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: UK WITHDRAWAL FROM SINGAPORE IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SINGLE OVERSEAS REDUCTION UNDER UK DE-FENSE REVIEW. AS SUCH IT IS MOST IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF POLITICAL PRESENTATION OF DEFENSE REVIEW AS IT CAN BE

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CITED AS A REAL REDUCTION IN DEFENSE ACTIVITIES AS A

COUNTER TO LEFT-WING LABOR CLAIMS THAT DEFENSE SPENDING ACTUALLY INCREASING. THUS WE CONCUR THAT DECISION-MAKING PROCESS ON THIS ITEM WILL MOVE VERY QUICKLY WITH U.S. CONCERNS TAKING SECOND PLACE TO UK DOMESTIC PRESENTATION OF ISSUE. IN SUM, IF WE WANT HMG TO HELP ON THIS ISSUE WE SHOULD MAKE A SPECIFIC REQUEST SOONEST. END COMMENT.

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